

## Lead Scientist Candidate Recruitment

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**Summary:** Dr. Richard Norgaard, Chair of the Delta Independent Science Board (ISB), will report on the current status of the recruitment for a new Lead Scientist.

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Water Code Section 85280(b) requires the Council to appoint a Lead Scientist after consultation with the Independent Science Board. Lead Scientist Cliff Dahm's term ended August 19, 2011, although he has agreed to support the Council's science efforts during the Lead Scientist recruitment period for four days a month through early next year.

The Lead Scientist recruitment process included direct recruitment from Delta Independent Science Board members concomitant with posting a U.S. Geological Survey position on USA Jobs, the federal government's official jobs site. The outcome of these efforts was the identification of Dr. Peter Goodwin, University of Idaho, as a potential candidate.

On August 31 Dr. Goodwin was interviewed for the position by a selection panel consisting of agency, stakeholder, and Delta ISB representatives. The selection panel recommended that Dr. Goodwin be considered for the position. During a closed session of their meeting on September 1, the Delta Independent Science Board met briefly with Dr. Goodwin, then discussed his qualifications and decided to recommend that he be appointed to the Lead Scientist position. Dr. Norgaard will report on the current status of the recruitment.

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